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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
PROJECT AMENDMENT (09-AFC-7C)

The workshop will be held on:

Wednesday May 1, 2013

Starting at 11:00 a.m.

The workshop will be held at:

University of California at Riverside, Palm Desert Campus
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, "B" Building, Rooms B114 - B117
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(Wheelchair accessible, map attached)

To participate in the meeting by telephone:

WebEx call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

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Purpose

California Energy Commission staff will hold a workshop to discuss with Palen Solar Holdings, LLC (Applicant), issues related to the Petition to Amend. Specific technical areas to be discussed are: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, other topics related to solar flux such as visual and traffic, and Worker Safety-Fire Needs Assessment. Staff from Riverside County will be in attendance to discuss the Palen Solar Project impacts on the Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC). Information on the PSEC can be found at <http://psec.co.riverside.ca.us/>. Other technical areas discussed in pervious workshops held on April 17 and April 30 will be discussed as necessary. The public, state, and federal agencies, tribes, and intervenors are encouraged to attend or participate by teleconference to ask questions of the Applicant on these topics.

Additionally, the workshop will have time set aside for members of the public to comment on or ask questions about the proposed Palen Solar Electric Generating System (PSEGS) Project Amendment and staff's ongoing environmental review, especially comments or questions related to the technical areas listed above. Technical or schedule questions should be directed to Christine Stora, Compliance Project Manager for the PSEGS project, at (916) 654-4745, or e-mail her at christine.stora@energy.ca.gov.

Summary of the Proposed PSEGS Project Amendment

The project site is located immediately north of Interstate 10, approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe, some 10 miles east of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California.

The modifications proposed in the petition include replacing the parabolic trough solar collection system and associated heat transfer fluid with BrightSource's solar tower technology. Heliostats—elevated mirrors guided by a tracking system mounted on a pylon—focus the sun's rays on a solar receiver steam generator located atop a 750-foot tower near the center of each solar field to create steam to drive a turbine that generates electricity.

Two adjacent solar fields producing 250 MW each are proposed for a combined nominal output of approximately 500 MW. Each of the 250 MW solar fields will have a dedicated tower, solar field/heliostat array of approximately 170,000 heliostats, and a dedicated non-reheat Rankine-cycle steam turbine generator/power block. Both solar fields will share common facilities, including a common area containing an administration building, warehouse, evaporation ponds, maintenance complex, a meter/valve station for incoming natural gas service to the site, an onsite switchyard, and a 10-mile single-circuit 230-kV generation tie-line to deliver power to the newly constructed Red Bluff substation immediately south of I-10. Other onsite facilities will include access and maintenance roads (either dirt, gravel, or paved), perimeter fencing, tortoise fencing, and other ancillary security facilities.

Attendance by the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office

A representative of the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office may attend the workshop and be available to address any questions regarding opportunities for public involvement in the Energy Commission's project review process.

Participation

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser at (916) 654-4489, or toll-free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, at (916) 654-5146, or email at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting the Compliance Project Manager, Christine Stora, at (916) 654-4745.

If you wish to provide written comments on the project, please submit them to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (09-AFC-7C) for the PSEGS in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. If you wish to submit comments electronically, please provide them as either a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or in Portable Document Format (.pdf) to docket@energy.ca.gov, and include your name or your organization's name in the file name. If you are preparing non-electronic written comments, please mail or hand-deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 09-AFC-7C
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All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted on the PSEGS webpage of the Energy Commission's website.

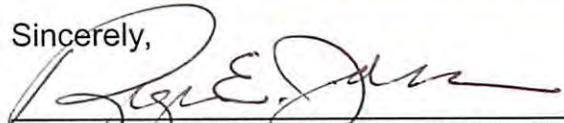
To obtain additional information about the PSEGS project, you can subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices of meetings and announcements at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>. By being on this e-mail list, you will receive all notices of meetings and documents pertaining to the project's evaluation and review.

The status of the project, an electronic copy of the amendment petition, staff reports, copies of notices, data requests and responses, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/>.

News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media and Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Date: 4/19/13

Sincerely,



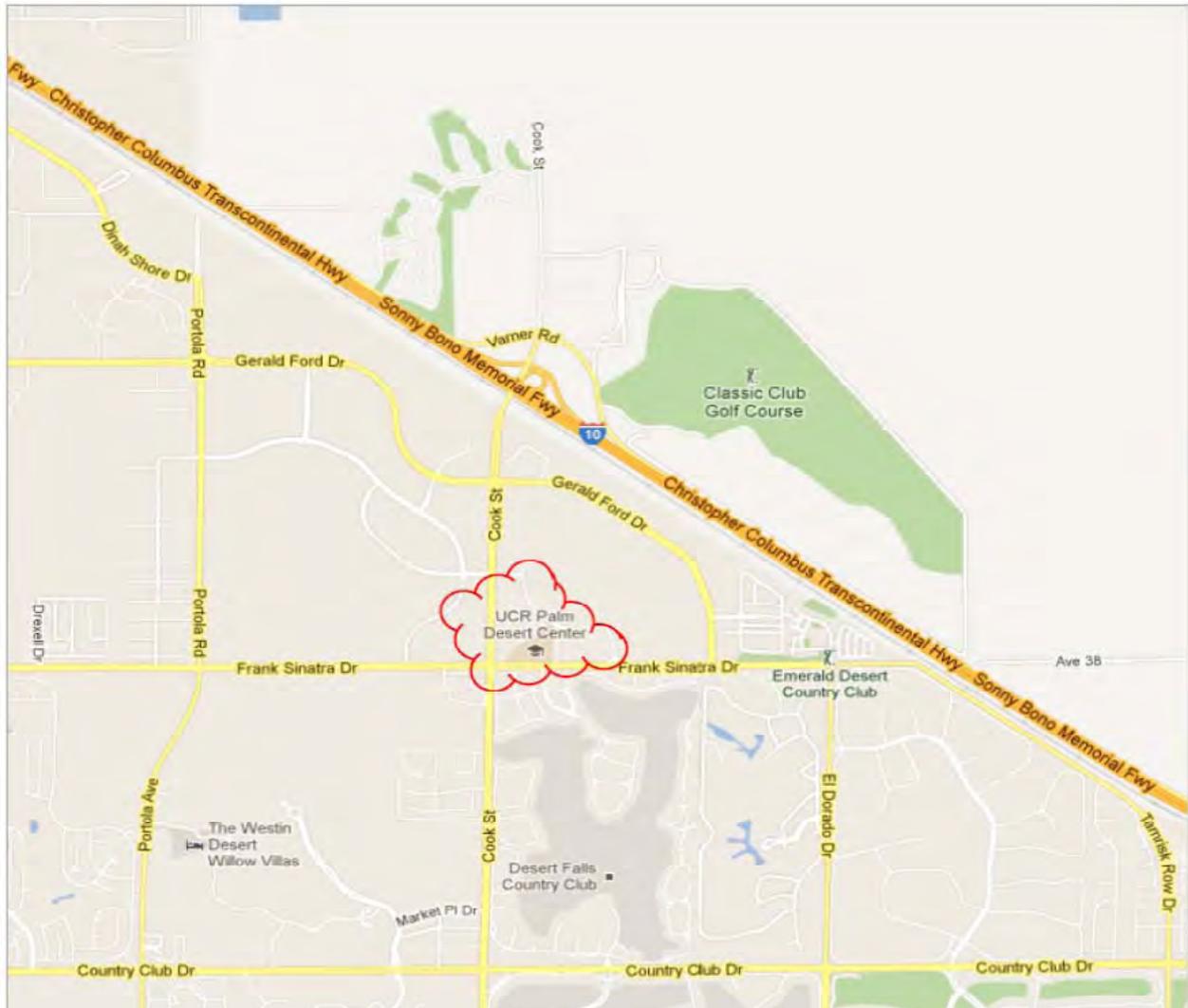
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- In the **Number Box**, type your area code and phone number and click **OK**.

You will receive a call back on your phone for the audio portion of the meeting.

2. COMPUTER LOG-ON FOR CALLERS WITH AN EXTENSION PHONE NUMBER, ETC:

- Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter **928 024 706** and **palen*2013**
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AMENDMENT

**FOR THE PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC
GENERATING SYSTEM**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7C

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Christine Stora, declare that on April 19, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Public Workshop for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Project, dated April 19, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, as appropriate, in the following manner:

(Check one)

For service to all other parties and filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:

- I e-mailed the document to all e-mail addresses on the Service List above and personally delivered it or deposited it in the US mail with first class postage to those parties noted above as "hard copy required"; **OR**
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am over the age of 18 years.

Dated: April 19, 2013

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